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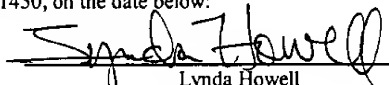
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Dear Examiner:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

5. 1. (currently amended) A threaded fastener comprising:
- a head;
  - a tip; and
  - a threaded shank extending between the head and the tip, the threaded shank having a helical lead formed thereon, the lead including a plurality of bosses therealong, successive bosses being separated from one another by recessed bases, each boss extending radially beyond adjacent bases and presenting a respective profile including a lead-in profile in a direction towards the tip, a respective lead-out profile in a direction towards the head and a

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